

### **REMARKS**

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006.

Claims 40-43 are amended. Claim 39 is canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. As a result, claims 1-6, 13-22, 29-32, 38, and 40-43 are now pending in this application.

#### **§102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 39 and 42-43 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Searls et al. (U.S. 6,856,016 B2, hereinafter Searls).

Applicant believes that claim 39 is not anticipated by Searls. Applicant cancels claim 39 without disclaimer or prejudice to expedite prosecution. Applicant may reintroduce claim 39 in another patent application.

Dependent claims 42 and 43 are amended to be dependent from the allowable claim 41. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 42 and 43 are now also allowable.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 40-41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40 and 41 are rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claims 40 and 41 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6, 13-22, 29-32, and 38 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-6, 13-22, 29-32, and 38.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,


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